GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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IMPLEMENTATION OF POVERTY ALLEVIATION SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note that a number of Schemes formulated for poverty alleviation are not implemented effectively by some of the States and the funds allocated for this purpose have been diverted/misused and under-utilized;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and remedial measures taken by the Government for proper implementation of these schemes;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any steps to change the method of implementation of these schemes so that their benefits reach the needy families only; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)&(b): The Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation scheme, named, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana(SJSRY) with effect from 1.12.1997.The Comptroller and Auditor General, in their draft review report for SJSRY, have pointed out diversion of funds amounting to Rs.35.83 crore on the part of some States to other activities, suspected mis-appropriation of funds, amounting to Rs.0.85 crore and irregular and unauthorized expenditure on repairs and maintenance works to the tune of Rs.5.60 crore. The concerned State Governments have, already, been instructed to investigate the matters and to take appropriate action. Some of the States have informed that the amount so diverted has since been recouped.

(c)&(d): The Scheme is vigorously monitored at the central level through periodical review meetings/field visits and quarterly progress reports to make it more effective and result-oriented. Further release are made on receipt of utilisation certificate in respect of the earlier released amounts.